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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

KATHLEEN R.,

V.

ANDREW M. SAUL, COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

No. 4:20-CV-5232-JTR

ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED MOTION FOR REMAND PURSUANT TO SENTENCE FOUR OF 42 U.S.C. § 405(g)

**BEFORE THE COURT** is the parties' stipulated motion to remand the above-captioned matter to the Commissioner for additional administrative proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). ECF No. 19. Attorney D. James Tree represents Plaintiff; Special Assistant United States Attorney Lars Joseph Nelson represents Defendant. The parties have consented to proceed before a magistrate judge. ECF No. 6. After considering the file and proposed order, **IT IS ORDERED:** 

1. The parties' Stipulated Motion for Remand, **ECF No. 19**, is **GRANTED**. The above-captioned case is **REVERSED** and **REMANDED** to the Commissioner of Social Security for further administrative action pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

On remand, the Appeals Council will direct the Administrative Law Judge to: (1) consider whether Plaintiff's respiratory impairment meets or equals a Listing under 3.00 in 20 C.F.R. Part 404, Subpart P, Appendix 1, and obtain

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medical expert evidence to assist with that determination; (2) obtain vocational expert evidence if necessary; (3) offer Plaintiff the opportunity for a *de novo* hearing; (4) take any further action needed to complete the administrative record; and (5) issue a new decision.

- 2. Judgment shall be entered for PLAINTIFF.
- 3. Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, **ECF No. 15**, is **STRICKEN AS MOOT**.
- 4. An application for attorney fees and costs may be filed by separate motion.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**. The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order, forward copies to counsel, and **CLOSE THE FILE**.

DATED July 7, 2021.



JOHN T. RODGERS UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE